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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts totaling \$11,298,705 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$3,389,612, which includes \$721,987 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts:

- a. Site Purchase, Repairs and Renovations:
 - i. Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts School \$ 11,298,705

SUMMARY: FY 2019 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

TAPA CHARTER SCHOOL	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2019 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Site Purchase, Repairs and Renovations	This project includes the purchase of a property, as well as high priority improvements, educational enhancements to accommodate the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts.	The Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School currently leases space in Providence in a building that does not accommodate the LEA's educational program delivery. This project will provide TAPA with a permanent home to accommodate the LEA's unique educational program for its current enrollment. This project includes the purchase of the facility, as well as high priority repairs including site repairs, HVAC improvements, electrical upgrades, ADA improvements, educational program improvements, and other building systems repairs.	Base Rate 30%	\$11,298,705	\$3,389,612	\$4,813,247
			Maximum Rate 45%***	\$11,298,705	\$5,084,417	\$7,219,871

* State share ratio is based on FY2019 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

*** District may be eligible for up to 15% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.